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In re Application of	:	
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Application No. 09/729,443	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: December 4, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket No. BP1235	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed March 27, 2007 under 37 CFR 1.137(b), which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 (no fee) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

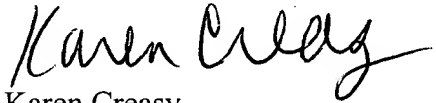
The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to reply to the nonfinal Office action mailed July 10, 2006, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 12, 2007.

Petitioner asserts that the Office action dated July 10, 2006 was not received.

A review of the written record indicates an irregularity in the mailing of the Office action of July 10, 2006. In this regard, the Office received a change of address/power of attorney on March 21, 2006, prior to the mailing of the Office action of July 10, 2006. Office records were not updated to reflect this new change of address. Accordingly, as the Office action was mailed to an incorrect address, the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 12, 2007 is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment withdrawn.

This application is being referred to the Technology Center AU 2611 for consideration of the amendment filed March 27, 2007.

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